



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9005**
Takashi KOMAI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1593A
Serial No. 10/697,878 : Group Art Unit 1623
Filed October 31, 2003 : Examiner Devesh Khare
NOVEL ANTICOAGULANT : **Mail Stop Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 6, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

The Office Action constitutes a requirement for restriction between (I) claims 1-10 and (II) claims 11 and 12, in response to which Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of claims 1-10.

This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 11 and 12.

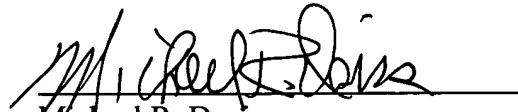
The Office Action also sets forth a requirement for an election of species, but only if claims 11 and 12 are elected. Since these claims are not elected, the requirement for election of species does not apply.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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